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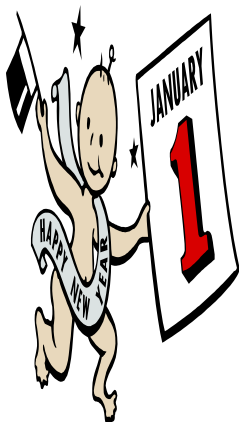
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## From the Director

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a safe holiday season and is working hard on those New Year Resolutions. As the new calendar year begins for the CJA, I am pleased to report that we are on target with most of our goals and objectives for the fiscal year....and we keep adding more. Research and information on working more effectively and efficiently with the criminal justice population is plentiful and it challenges us to constantly review and amend what we do and how we do it. Our ultimate goal is to reach our vision of breaking cycles of crime and victimization.

Reaching our ultimate goal necessitates investments of many types and sources. Personal, professional, compassionate, and financial investments are all needed; and they are needed from many different places.

Personal and professional investments start with those within the CJA. The CJA's leadership and management must understand the vision and be personally invested in making it a reality. The staff also needs to understand the vision and embrace a realization of the

impact they have on the CJA's accomplishments. All must be willing to learn, accept new ideas, make the time necessary to use new tools, and constantly adapt to changes. This is all easy to say, it is much harder to do....especially when you have a caseload of 150 clients or an office full of staff asking you questions.

We are fortunate to have many invested partners in our efforts. The importance of their investments in the CJA cannot be stressed enough. Without the investments of others, the CJA's vision would have no hope.

Community service work-sites are very valuable to us. All invest some time to supervise work and complete forms. Many go the extra mile and invest time in the clients. They serve as positive role models or mentors for clients. Some may help clients with job or service references. The extra personal investment can be a critical element for someone who lacks community support or pro-social models.

Our treatment and counseling providers are other valuable invested part

ners. Their investment is clearly linked to our vision – not only in the services they provide but in what they want to and are willing to provide based on our needs. Many of the exciting things the CJA has accomplished in the past several years are in large part thanks to these partners.

The investment of the Cities of Hampton and Newport News includes confidence in what the CJA does, administrative support, and funding. Without the investment of the two Cities we serve, the CJA would not be able to operate.

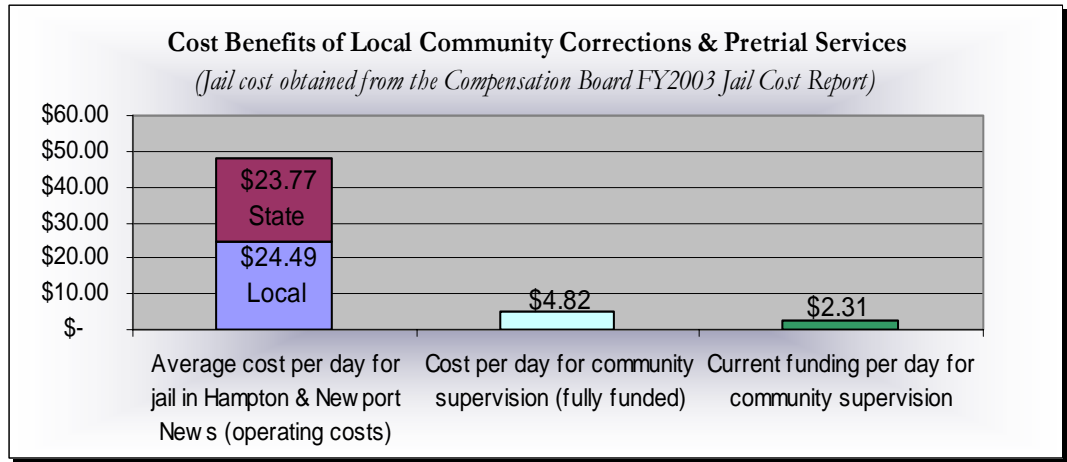
The Commonwealth and the General Assembly are also invested in the CJA – though this is done as part of a larger investment throughout the state. Like Hampton and Newport News, the investment of these larger entities includes confidence in our abilities and funding. Last year, the state increased their investment in the CJA and awarded us an additional grant to expand our capacity.

There are certainly others who invest in the CJA and support our vision.

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## Cost Benefits of Local Community Corrections & Pretrial Services

Local probation/ community corrections and pretrial services allow low risk individuals to remain in the community. Under supervision requirements they work, attend school, receive treatment, pay taxes, pay child support, pay restitution, and pay court fines and costs.



## VCCJA Asks General Assembly to Support CJA

The 2005 Session of the Virginia General Assembly began January 12<sup>th</sup> and, as usual, we are hopeful for good legislative and budget news. Senator Thomas Norment and Delegate Phillip Hamilton are sponsoring budget amendments on behalf of the Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association (VCCJA) which, if approved, will benefit the CJA. The budget amendment of \$3.6M will help the CJA and other similar agencies restore losses in staffing, treatment, services, and training created by unfunded health insurance increases, unfunded retirement contribution increases, and budget cuts during the past several years. Over the past few years, the CJA has reduced and eliminated several positions and funding options in order to meet our budget increases in health insurance, retirement benefits, and other expenses.



The amendments offered represent only a fraction of what VCCJA identifies as needed for a full investment in agencies like the CJA throughout the Commonwealth. Future needs within the CJA and similar agencies include:

- ◆ Funds to bring salaries to competitive levels in all jurisdictions
- ◆ Funds to allow implementation of evidence-based practices for recidivism reduction; including optional program development
- ◆ Adequate staffing and management to meet demands of population and evidence-based practices programming
- ◆ Support for Community Criminal Justice Boards to fulfill their mandates

The CJA is hopeful that additional funds and support will be made available in the next year to help fill the gaps left by reductions made in the past as well as meet next year's increasing costs. (For more information check out the Legislative Committee at [www.vccja.org](http://www.vccja.org))

## Did you Know?

Since 1995 the growth in local Pretrial and CCD populations has far outpaced growth in all other correctional options. Statewide, growth in Pretrial and CCD combined exceeds 271%. Jail growth is second with a 75% increase. Comparatively, state Probation and Parole populations increased 35% and prison populations increased 27%. (Source: Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association; for more information go to [www.vccja.org](http://www.vccja.org))

Growth in the CJA population and workload is comparable to that statewide. Furthermore, the CJA continues to handle a large portion of what is done statewide. During FY2004, the CJA's CCD caseload constituted approximately 10% of the statewide figure. The CJA Pretrial Services Division conducted over 13% of all pretrial investigations statewide and the caseload constituted approximately 8% of the

statewide figure. Besides the basics of investigations and caseloads, the CJA is praised for its efforts in implementing evidence-based practices, conducting evaluations, and disseminating information. (More information on the CJA's work over the past year will be available soon in the 2004 Annual Report which will be available to all interested individuals through our website: [www.hampton.gov/cja](http://www.hampton.gov/cja))

# Thank You!

The CJA would like to thank and recognize the following for their support of the CJA. Without the contributions and support of the many individuals and organizations the CJA would not be nearly as successful.

## City & State Organizations

- ♦ All Judges in Hampton and Newport News
- ♦ Clerks, General District, JDR, and Circuit Courts, Hampton and Newport News
- ♦ Commonwealth's Attorneys, Deputies, and Assistants
- ♦ Community Service Worksites and Supervisors
- ♦ Department of Criminal Justice Services
- ♦ Hampton and Newport News Legislative Delegation
- ♦ Hampton City Council
- ♦ Hampton City Offices
- ♦ Hampton-Newport News Community Criminal Justice Board
- ♦ Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board
- ♦ Jail and lock up staff of Hampton and Newport News City Jails and Lockups
- ♦ Newport News City Council
- ♦ Newport News City Offices
- ♦ Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association

## Service Providers

- ♦ Beacon Counseling
- ♦ Center for Child and Family Services
- ♦ Center for Therapeutic Justice
- ♦ Catholic Charities
- ♦ Eden Counseling Center
- ♦ Hampton Newport New Community Service Board

## Community Service Sites

- ♦ Adult Education Center, Jane Skinner
- ♦ Air Power Park, Lloyd Bell
- ♦ Alcoholic Anonymous, Mary Anne Caden
- ♦ American Legion Post 31, Harry Butts
- ♦ Army Community Service, Regina Nelson
- ♦ Army Recruiting, Sgt. Feliece Cortez
- ♦ Hampton Bay Days
- ♦ Big Brothers Big Sisters, Andre Winbush & Sabrina Clemens
- ♦ Blue Bird Gap Farm, Deborah Presgraves
- ♦ Briarfield Park, David Spencer
- ♦ Buckroe Beach, Lynn Waldrop
- ♦ Candii Incorporated, Alesia Bradshaw
- ♦ CNU (Grounds), David Kennedy
- ♦ Community Housing Partners (AKA) VA Mountain Housing, Joe Carter
- ♦ DAV Thrift Store, Larry Schultz & Reginia Grant
- ♦ Freedom Outreach Center, Adel Bell
- ♦ Friends of the Homeless, Karen Brown
- ♦ Gathering of Men, Debra Cagle
- ♦ Good Seed Good Ground, Renita Parker
- ♦ Gosnold Hope Park, Pearl Dalton
- ♦ Greater Bethlehem Christian Assembly, Monica Cary
- ♦ Hampton Christian City Schools, Frank Carvel
- ♦ Hampton City Managers Office
- ♦ Hampton Ecumenical Lodging & Provisions (HELP), Karen Moore
- ♦ Hampton Memorial Gardens, Jim Stuart
- ♦ The Hampton Public Library, Mr. Robin Carpenter
- ♦ Hampton Roads Boys and Girls Club, Mr. Johnson & Mr. Hagman
- ♦ Hampton University Dep. of Aviation, Carey Freeman
- ♦ Hampton University Football Office, Terry Beauford
- ♦ Hampton YMCA, Andrew Hudson
- ♦ HRHA- Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Jackie Tate & Patricia Dickens
- ♦ ICCALL, Olga Mendoza
- ♦ Langley Fitness Center, Sgt. Cargile
- ♦ Lebanon Church of Christ, Heidi Tow
- ♦ Lincoln Park, Shawn Stevens
- ♦ Link of Hampton Roads, Aizat Fashola & Lisa Harper
- ♦ Chambers Living Waters Christian Fellowship, Jeff Towers & Rodolfo
- ♦ Mingee Drive, Lena Taylor
- ♦ Mission Daystar of Liberty Baptist Church, Carolyn Fedder
- ♦ Community House, Mr. Debrew Moton
- ♦ New Beach Grove Baptist Church, James Reynolds
- ♦ Newport News Circuit Court, Gary Anderson
- ♦ Newport News Park, Andy Lunsford
- ♦ Newport News Public Schools, Dick Tyson & Gary Silvey
- ♦ Newport News Social Services, Warren Baker
- ♦ Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Hart Smith
- ♦ Padda, Mark Jacobs
- ♦ Peninsula Food bank, Amanda Anderson
- ♦ Peninsula Rescue Mission
- ♦ Peninsula YMCA, Ventress Wilson
- ♦ Physical Activities Program (Ft Eustis Gym), Ms. Swinton

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The mission of the CJA is to promote public safety through the provision of community-based pretrial and post conviction programs, services and criminal justice planning to the Cities of Hampton and Newport News.

### Mission Statement:

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## **Thank You!**

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- ◆ Salvation Army, Natalie Brown
- ◆ Sandy Bottom Nature Park, Marc Nichols
- ◆ Social Services, Lydia Arrington
- ◆ SPCA
- ◆ The Cousteau Society, Danielle Dowell & Marcia Griffin
- ◆ The Little England Chapel, June Jones
- ◆ Thomas Nelson - Plant Services, John Mason
- ◆ US. Army Recruiting Station, SFC James J. Cox
- ◆ USO of Hampton, Danis Lensch
- ◆ VA Medical Center, Linda Wiggs
- ◆ Variety Thrift Store, Alice Brown
- ◆ Warwick Little League, Chris Cousins & Billy Chrismon
- ◆ YH Thomas, Ernest Ferguson
- ◆ Yorktown Naval Weapon Station, Michael Bond
- ◆ Youth Challenge Thrift Store, Joe Anderson

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## *From the Director (Continued)*

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The investment of those from outside the CJA is important to those of us within and we welcome more. On behalf of the CJA and our clients, **thank you** to all who invest in us – the return on your investment to the community is worth it.

*Tracey L. Jenkins*

Director

## *Upcoming Events*

**Feb. 13-16, 2005:** American Probation & Parole Assoc. Winter Institute - Anaheim, CA

**April 20, 2005:** JJSC Meeting, CSU Conference Room

**July 20, 2005:** JJSC Meeting, Carmel Center Unity Room

**Sept. 18-21, 2005:** National TASC Annual Conference –Cleveland Ohio

**October 19, 2005:** JJSC Meeting, CSU Conference Room

**Nov. 3-4, 2005:** Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting & Training Conference – Portsmouth